February 2, 2015

Connecticut General Assembly Att: Housing Committee VIA email

RE: Conditional Support of Proposed Bill #6133

To the Honorable Members of the Housing Committee,

I am writing to voice my conditional support to proposed bill #6133 - "AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A FIRST OFFENDER STATUS FOR THOSE ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE CONNECTICUT FAIR HOUSING LAWS".

This act should be further modified to specifically exempt first offenders from any legal action or financial burden associated with being accused of fair housing violations.

This area of housing law is among the most abused by prospective tenants. I support any and all acts that serve to introduce any measure of balance between owner's and renter's rights and responsibilities. I urge the Housing Committee to modify and pass this act.

Sincerely,

Peter L. D'Amato